

THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

We hope that you had a wonderful week during February vacation. Winter seems not quite ready to let go, but the calendar says spring is near at hand! In schools, March brings what we hope is a relatively uninterrupted string of school days (we hoped for the same in January and February...) during which we can build momentum and consistency. We often find that this is the time of year when all the seeds planted in the fall or in previous years combine with the careful winter of nurturing to produce some of the most significant gains of the year. It is exciting to watch as readers become more fluent, young mathematicians grow more confident, and growing artists and athletes blossom in their talents!

We'd also like to thank you for your support of student reading goals during February vacation. We've already spoken with many students this morning who have described wonderful success in meeting or even exceeding their goals – this will no doubt be an important part of the gains we just described!

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PTO Notes:

MCAS 101

On Tuesday, March 8th, the PTO will host a general meeting titled "MCAS 101." MCAS tests occupy a great deal of conversation both in our school and in the larger public discussions around education. Have you ever wondered what the MCAS was all about? Do you have questions you'd like to ask about the test – your child's experience taking them? How the results are used? Join our PTO, Principal Todd Curtis, and Assistant Principal Lisa McCubrey, as we address these questions and give you the opportunity to ask others. The meeting is Tuesday, March 8th, from 7:00-8:00pm. Childcare for school aged children will be provided.

Breakfast with Somebuddy Special

Please return all forms and payments for Breakfast with Somebuddy Special by **tomorrow, March 1st**. Thank you!

Literacy Night – SAVE THE DATE!!!

Floral Street School will be hosting Literacy Night on Friday, April 8th at 5:30 pm. Please help us out by donating any gently used or new books to the book swap. We especially need books for 2nd – 4th grade level. There are bins set up in the school lobby labeled "Book Swap". Any questions please email Maureen Harrington at harringtonjm@verizon.net. Thanks so much for your help!

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates

March 8th

PTO General Meeting

April 18th – 22nd

No School – Patriots Day & Spring Vacation

MCAS Dates:

March 22nd

Long Composition – 4th Grade

March 23rd & 24th

ELA – 3rd Grade

March 30th & 31st

ELA – 4th Grade

May 17th & 18th

Math – 3rd Grade

May 24th & 25th

Math – 4th Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf